

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28 and 29, 2026

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati

Welcome

Welcome to St. Gertrude Church, a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

Using this Booklet

This booklet contains the order of Mass. Texts spoken by the priest (the celebrant) appear in regular type, and responses by the congregation are in **bold**. Instructions when to stand, sit, kneel, etc. are in *italicized gray* typeface, as are descriptions of liturgical action. Hymns are found in the blue *St. Michael Hymnal* in each pew.

For Visitors

If you are visiting today, know that you are most welcome. Restrooms may be found at the back of the church. Assisted listening devices and low gluten hosts are available; please speak with an usher, who will gladly assist you. If you are unable to stand or kneel, please feel comfortable remaining seated — your presence and prayer are what matter most. We use incense at Sunday Mass, an act of worship described in Scripture that symbolizes our prayers rising to God; those with breathing sensitivities are encouraged to sit toward the back of the church. Thank you for joining us today, and hope that you will return often to pray with us.

The Reception of Holy Communion

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, the greatest gift he bestowed upon humanity. This sacred mystery is founded upon Jesus's own words at the Last Supper and has been affirmed in Christian writings since the first century. To receive this Blessed Sacrament, one should be a practicing Catholic, free from grave sin, and normally have fasted for one hour. Those Catholics who are not prepared to receive today and our non-Catholic guests are warmly invited to approach the altar with arms crossed over the chest to receive a blessing.

Cover: The Wise and Foolish Virgins*, Godfried Schalcken, 1700*

Order of Mass

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 — *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Savior of the Nations, Come

Introductory Rites

Procession

At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand and sing:

Savior of the Nations, Come — *St. Michael Hymnal 739*

Introit *(Sunday)*

As the celebrant incenses the altar, the choir sings:

Ad te levavi animam meam:
Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam:
necque irrideant me inimici mei:
etenim universi qui te exspectant,
non confundentur.

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you
I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you
be put to shame.

Words: Psalm 25:1–3
Music: Dominican Chant

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

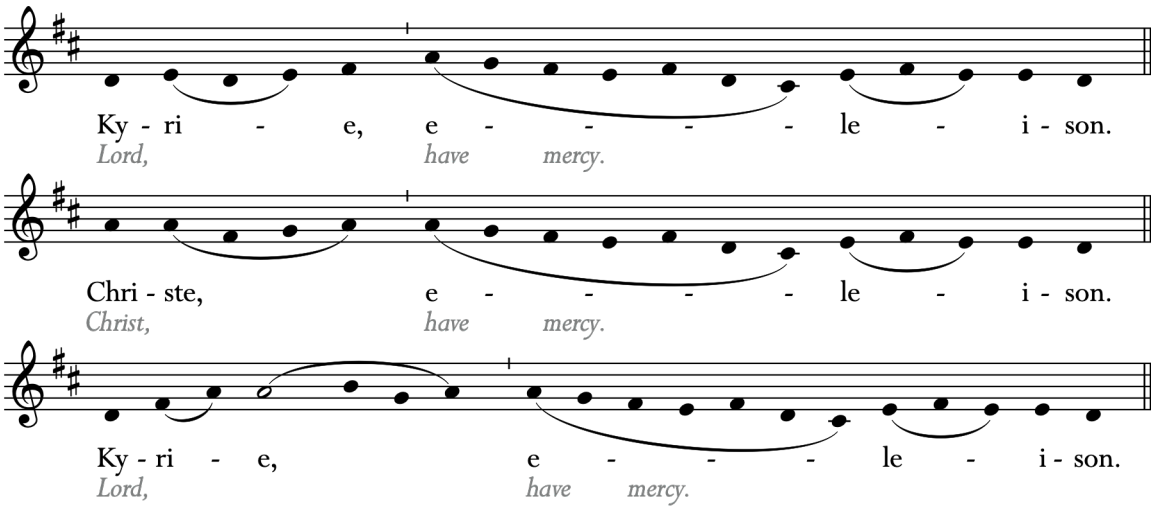
Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, *All strike their breast three times*
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Kyrie

The cantor sings each line of music first, then all repeat.



Music: Dominican Chant, Missa XII "Salve"

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *All sit*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

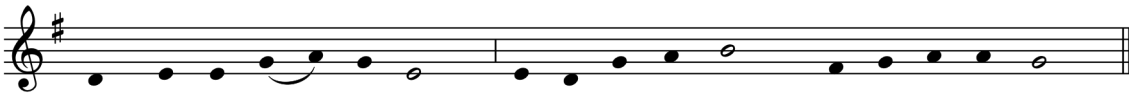
READING I *Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7*

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19



O shepherd of Israel, hear us, enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. ℟.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. ℟.

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. ℟.

Music: Dominican Chant — Universi, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

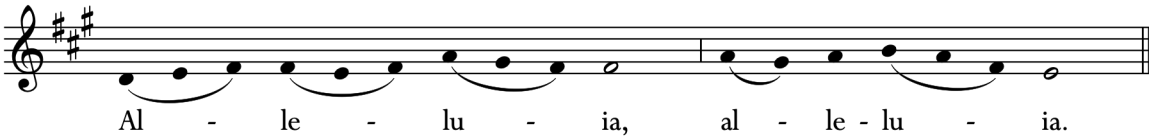
Brothers and sisters: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. ℟.

Verse: Psalm 85:8

Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Ostende nobis, adapted C. Holman

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33–37

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

CREDO *(Saturday)* *All stand*

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *All bow*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. *All stand*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

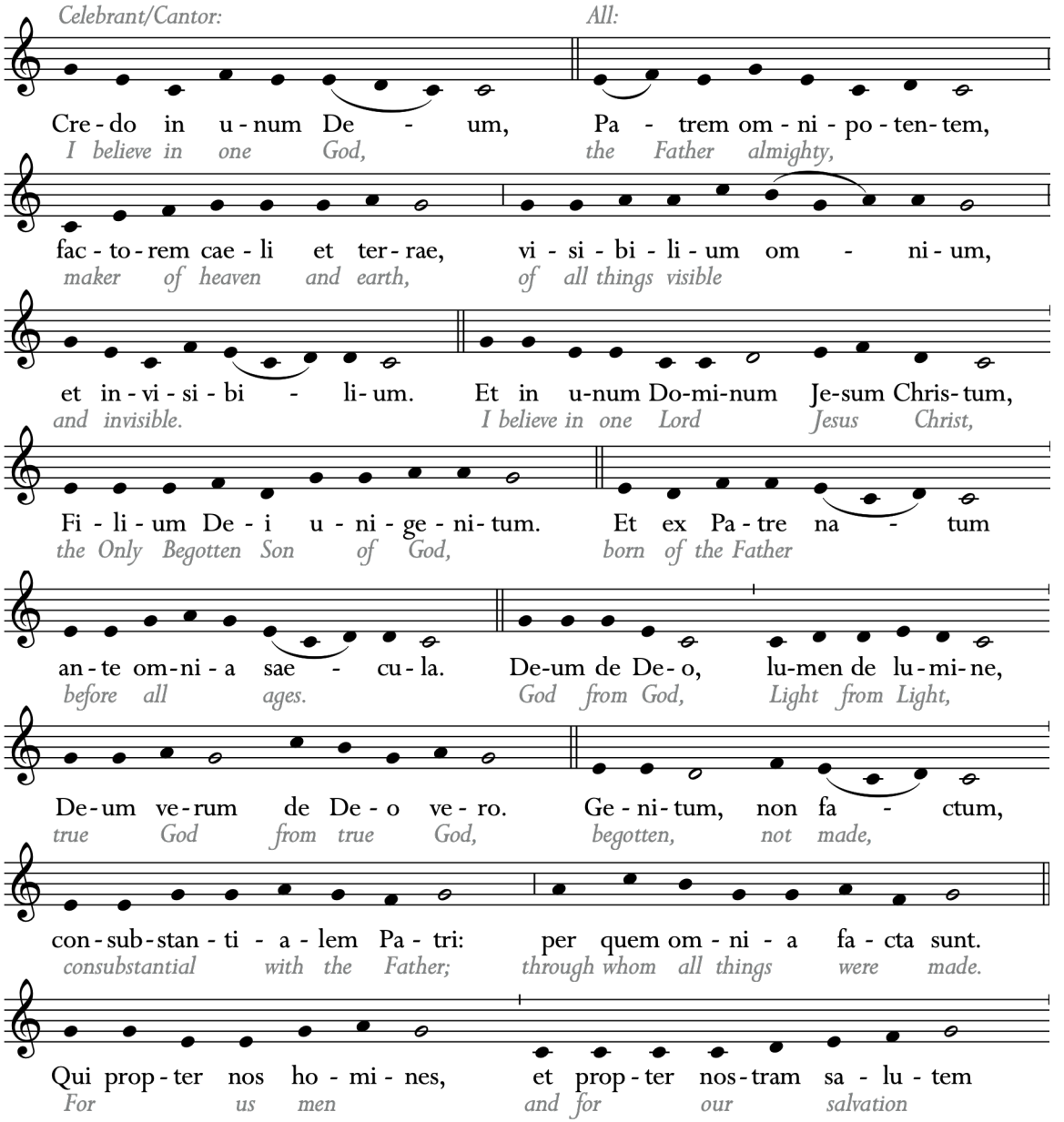
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

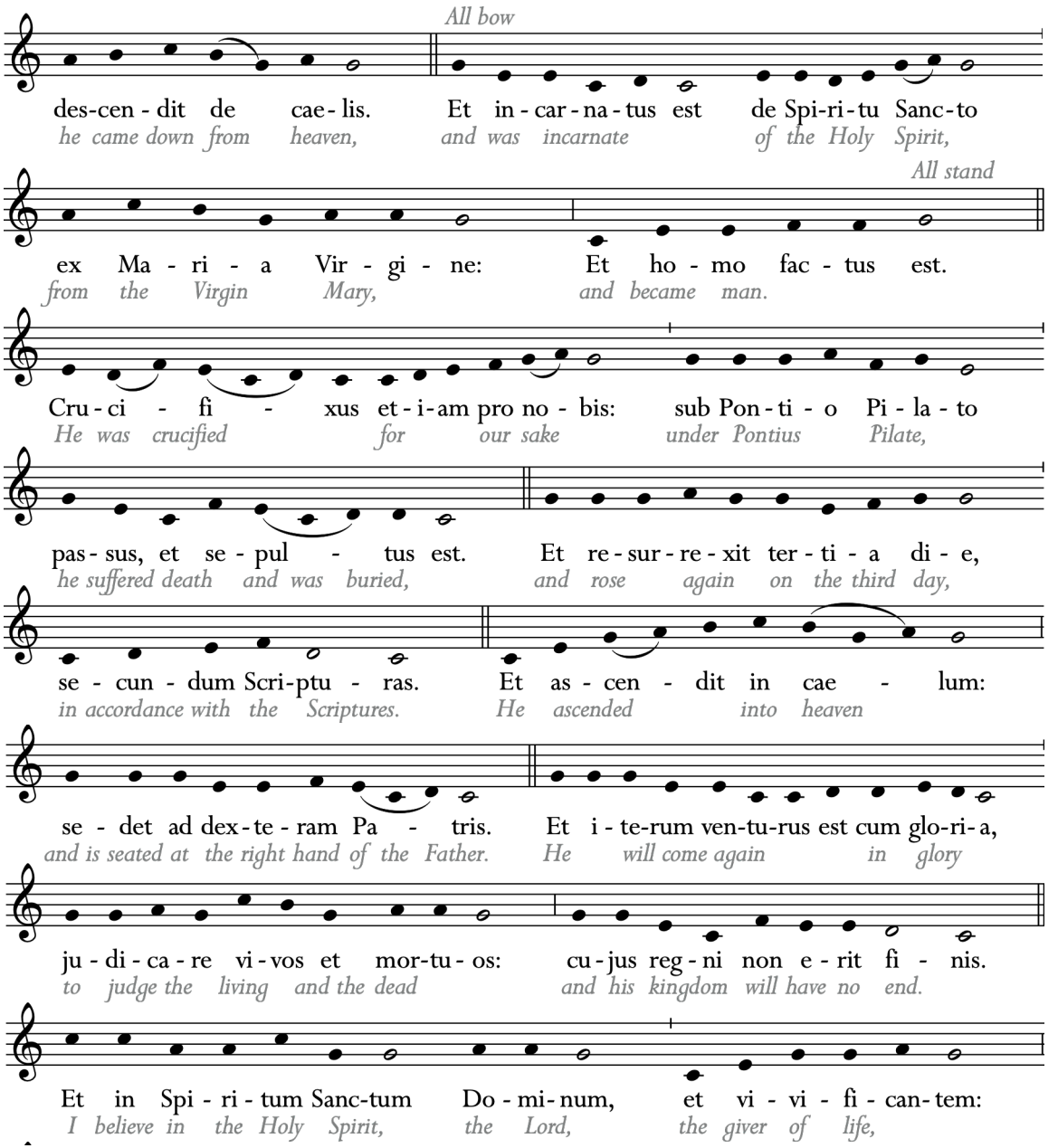
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

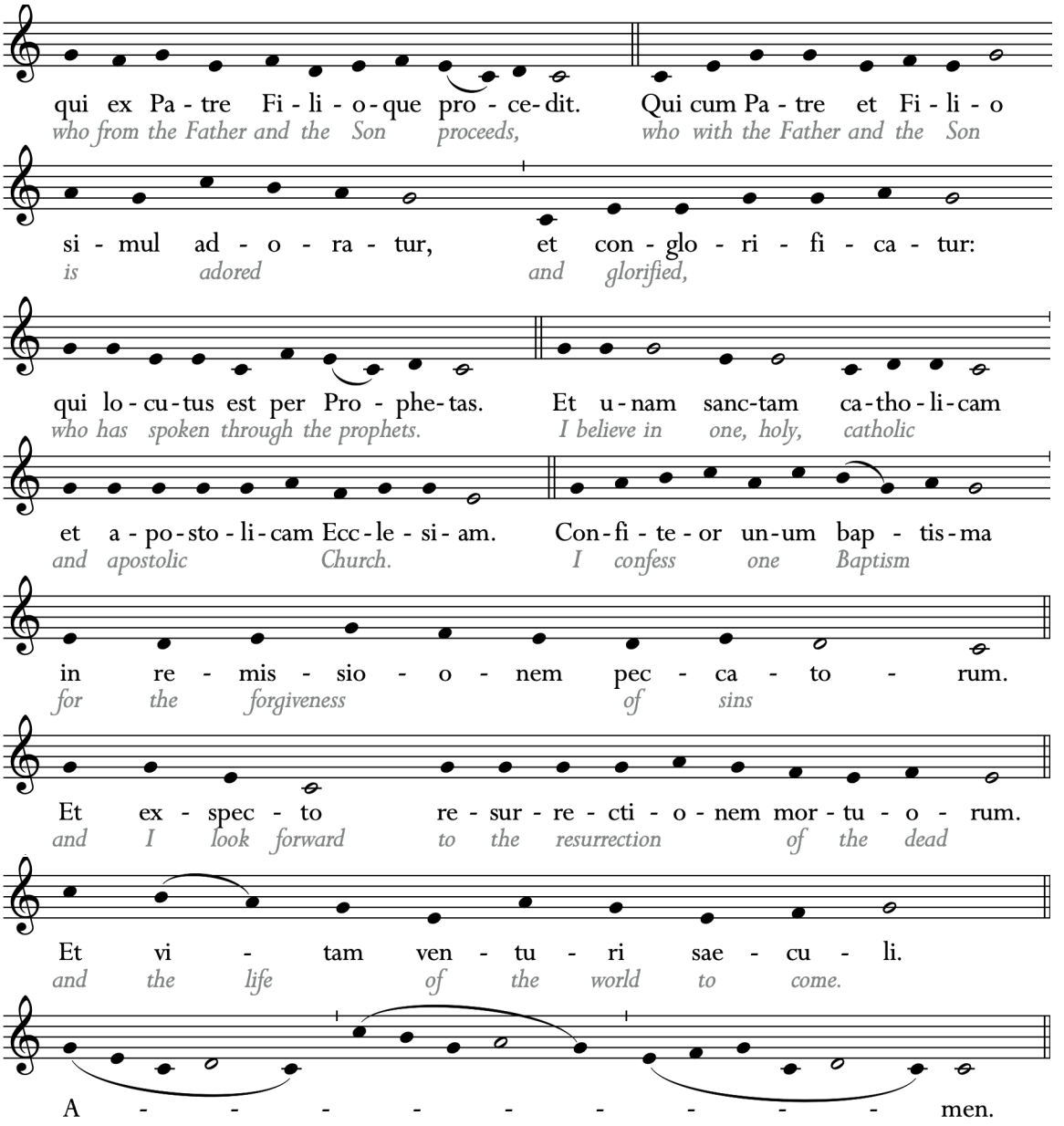
CREDO *(Sunday)*

All stand and sing:

Celebrant/Cantor: *All:*




All bow
des-cen-dit de cae-lis. Et in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu Sanc-to
he came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit,
All stand
ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne: Et ho-mo fac-tus est.
from the Virgin Mary, and became man.
Cru-ci-fi-xus et-i-am pro no-bis: sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to
He was crucified for our sake under Pontius Pilate,
pas-sus, et se-pul-tus est. Et re-sur-re-xit ter-ti-a di-e,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day,
se-cun-dum Scri-ptu-ras. Et as-cen-dit in cae-lum:
in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
se-det ad dex-te-ram Pa-tris. Et i-te-rum ven-tu-rus est cum glo-ri-a,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
ju-di-ca-re vi-vos et mor-tu-os: cu-jus reg-ni non e-rit fi-nis.
to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
Et in Spi-ri-tum Sanc-tum Do-mi-num, et vi-vi-fi-can-tem:
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,



Music: Gregorian Chant, Credo III

Universal Prayer

Each petition concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, all say:

O God,
you are the giver of every good and perfect gift.
We give you thanks for the abundant blessings
you have poured out on our parish family.

During this Building for Mission campaign,
increase in us the desire to do great things for you,
and inspire in us a generous and sacrificial spirit.

May we glorify you in all that we do
and lead many people to encounter Jesus
here at St. Gertrude Parish.

We commend our prayer to you, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen. *All sit*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *(10 A.M.)*

The Parish Choir sings:

Salvator mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos,
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

Savior of the world, save us,
for by your Cross and Blood you have redeemed us.
Come to our aid, we beseech you, O Lord our God.

Words and music: Thomas Tallis

MOTET *(12 P.M.)*

The Schola Cantorum sings:

Adam lay i-bowndyn, bowndyn in a bond,
Fowre thowsand wynter thowt he not to long;
And al was for an appil, an appil that he tok,
As clerkes fyndyn wretyn in here book.

Adam lay bound, bound in a bond;
four thousand winters thought he not too long;
and all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
as clerics find written in their book.

Ne hadde the appil take ben,
the appil taken ben,
Ne hadde never our lady a ben hevene quen.
Blyssid be the tyme that appil take was!
Therfore we mown syngyn Deo gratias.

But had the apple not been taken,
the apple not been taken,
never would our Lady have been Heaven's Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple was taken!
Therefore, we may sing: "Thanks be to God!"

Words: early fifteenth century (Middle English)
Music: Boris Ord

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

All stand

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Preface Dialogue and Sanctus

Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 101

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

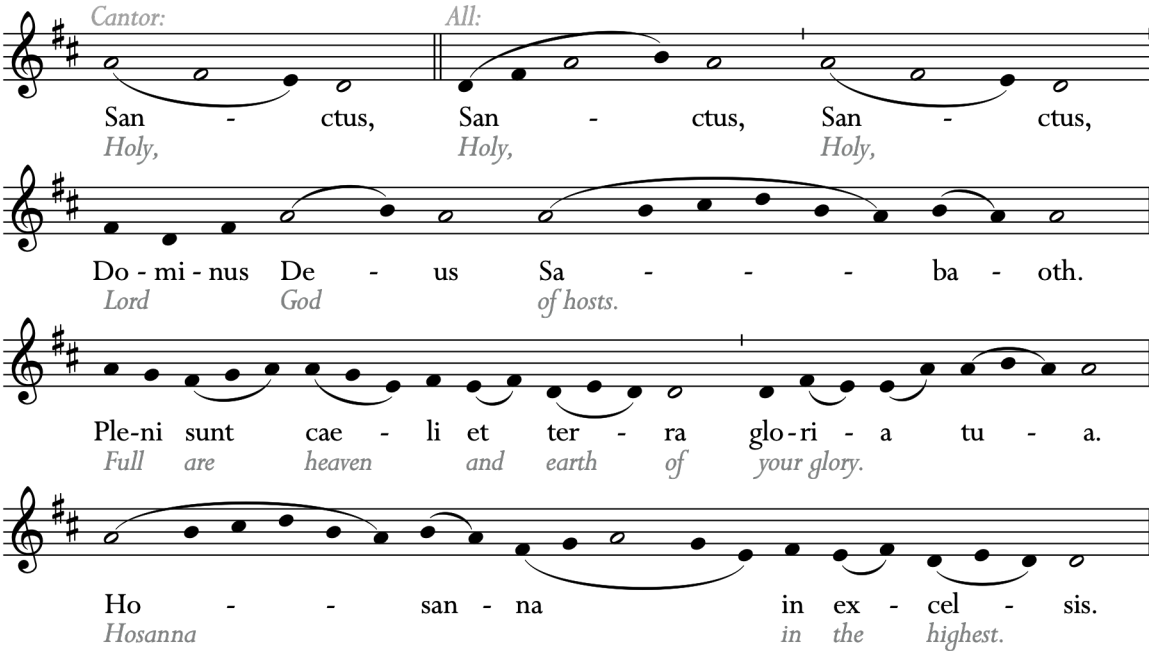
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

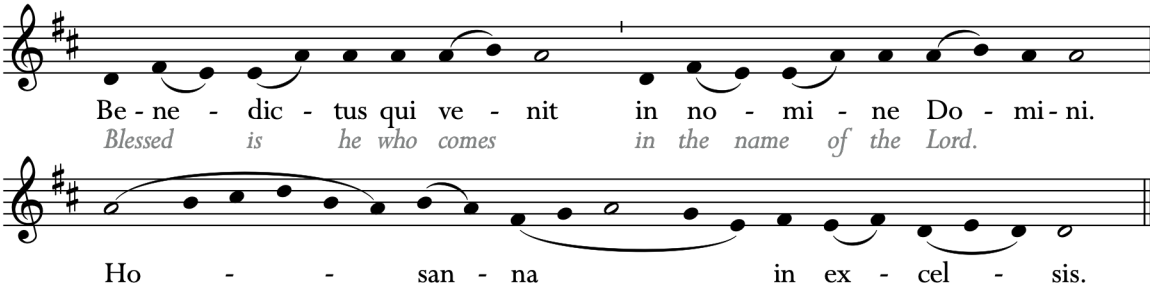
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:





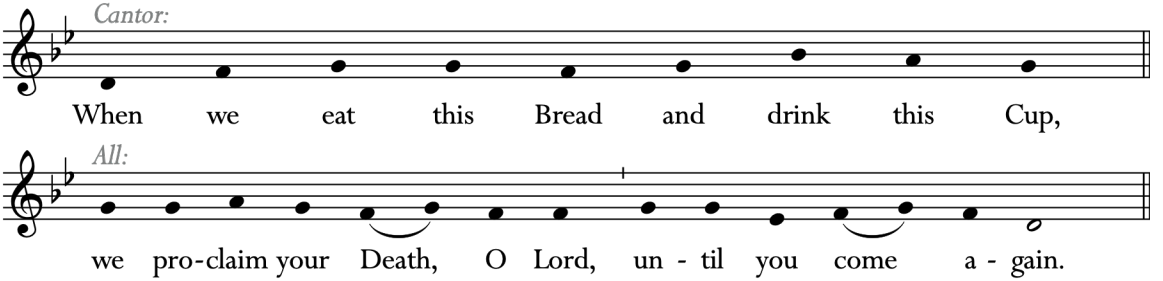
Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "Salve"

The Eucharistic Prayer

All kneel

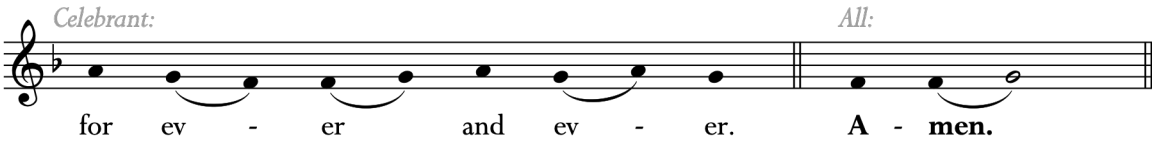
The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

The mystery of faith.



At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,



The Lord's Prayer

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

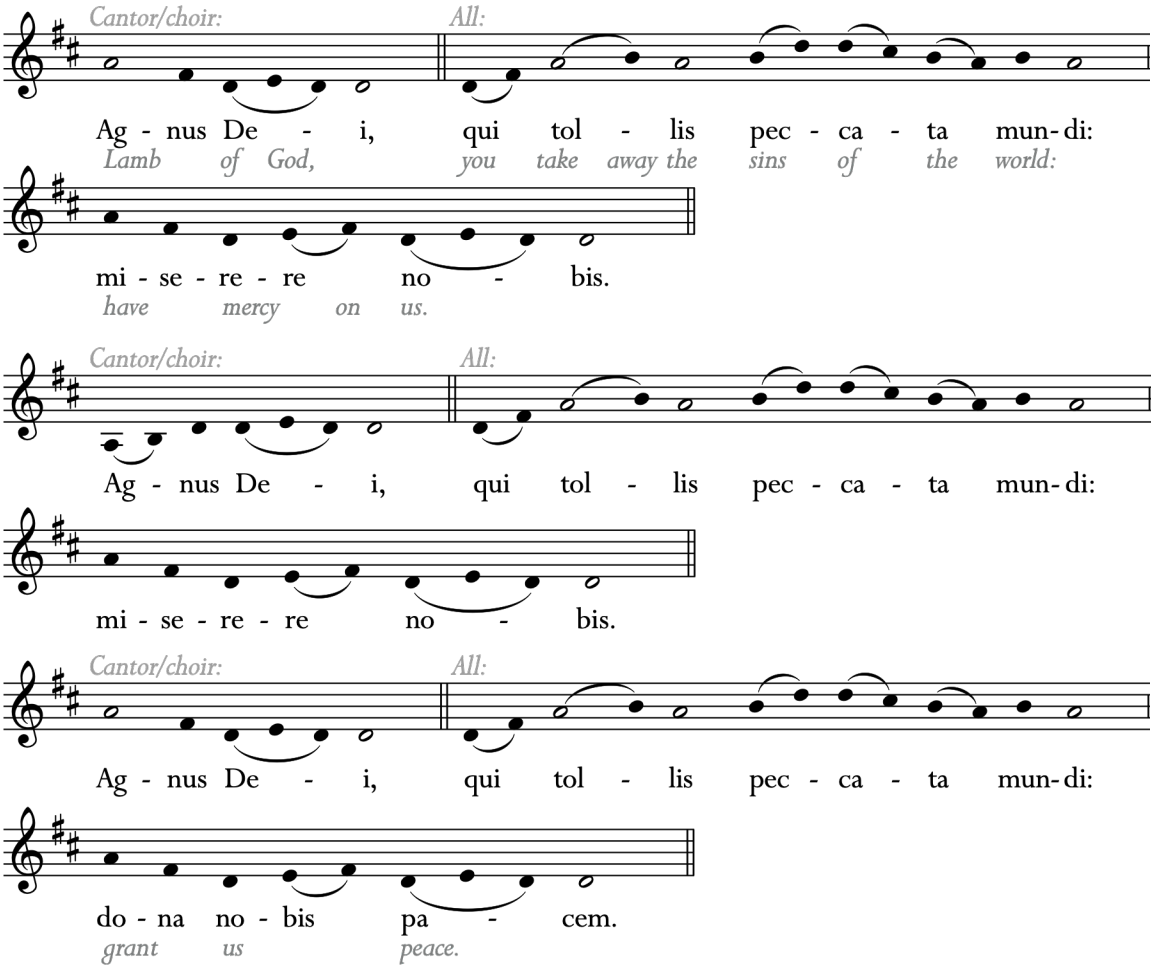
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: *Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace. *All offer one another a sign of peace*

Agnus Dei

Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 104



Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "Salve"

Invitation to Communion

All kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion

The cantor/choir sings:

Dominus dabit benignitatem:
et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.*

℣. Vere prope timentes eum salutare ipsius,
ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.

℣. *His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.*

℣. Veritas de terra orta est,
et justitia de caelo prospexit.

℣. *Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.*

℣. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

℣. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon: Psalm 85:13
Versicles: Psalm 85:10, 12
Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET *(10 A.M.)*

The Parish Choir sings:

O tu illustrata de divina claritate,
clara Virgo Maria,
Verbo Dei infusa,
unde venter tuus floruit
de introitu Spiritus Dei,
qui in te sufflavit
et in te exsuxit quod Eva abstulit
in abscisione puritatis,
per contractam contagionem de
suggestione diaboli.

Illumined by God's clearest brightness,
O Virgin Mary bright,
infused with the Word of God,
your womb flourished at
the entrance of God's Spirit;
for within you he breathed
and drew out that which Eve lost:
a purity cut off and silenced
by that disease contracted at
the Devil's sly persuasion.

Words: St. Hildegard of Bingen
Music: Caitlin Harrison Crane

MOTET *(12 P.M.)*

The Schola Cantorum sings:

Audivi vocem de caelo venientem:
venite omnes virgines sapientissime;
oleum recondite in vasis vestris
dum sponsus advenerit.
Media nocte clamor factus est:
ecce sponsus venit.

I heard a voice coming out of heaven:
come, all you most wise virgins;
store oil in your vessels
until the bridegroom arrives.
At midnight there was a cry:
behold, the bridegroom is coming.

Words: Matins responsory for All Saints, after Matthew 25:6
Music: Thomas Tallis

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

All kneel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Hymn

All sing:

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending — *St. Michael Hymnal 610*

Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 — *Johann Sebastian Bach*